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SUMMARY. NAKASONE SPEECH ON ENERGY TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS OCT 2 REFLECTED CONTINUED GOJ POLICY OF EQUAL DISTANCE BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. NAKASONE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION WITH MAJOR OIL FIRMS, BUT IMPLIED OVERDEPENDENCE ON THEM COULD NOT CONTINUE. IN COOPERATION WITH PRODUCERS, NAKASONE SAID IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO GET TOGETHER TO TACKLE LARGE PROJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON OCT 2 MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) YASUHIRO NAKASONE DELIVERED SPEECH ON ENERGY BEFORE THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT'S CLUB OF JAPAN. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM TEXT OF THAT SPEECH.

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2. JAPAN IN WORLD ENERGY SITUATION. BECAUSE OF THE ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND STRUCTURE, JAPAN'S ENERGY PROBLEM IS EVEN MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT OF THE U.S. AND THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THIS IS BECOMING A GRAVE PROBLEM INVOLVING THE FUNDAMENTAL OPERATION OF OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY. THE PRESENT AGITATION IN THE WORLD PETROLEUM SITUATION HAS DECIDED REVERBERATIONS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE MAGNITUDE OF THESE REVERBERATIONS IN JAPAN REMINDS US AGAIN OF THE FRAGILITY OF OUR ENERGY FOUNDATION.

3. COOPERATION. IN DEVELOPING FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY, COOPERATION IS FUNDAMENTAL. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO ENSURE SECURITY AND A SUPPLY OF ENERGY FOR OUR COUNTRY EXCEPT TO SEEK COEXISTENCE AND COPROSPERITY BY CARRYING OUT POSITIVE AND DIVERSIFIED INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

4. THE MAJORS. IN PARTICULAR OUR COUNTRY HAS COME TO DEPEND EXTENSIVELY UPON THE SO-CALLED QUOTE MAJORS UNQUOTE. THAT THIS POLICY (I.E. DEPENDENCE) WAS POSSIBLE ESSENTIALLY REFLECTS THE BACKGROUND OF A TREND OF OVERSUPPLY. SUCH A PASSIVE ATTITUDE, HOWEVER, IS NO LONGER PERMISSIBLE; RATHER, POSITIVE ACTION BASED ON A GLOBAL VIEWPOINT IS NOW REQUIRED. IT IS NECESSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY TO EXERT GREATER EFFORTS TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP PETROLEUM RESOURCES. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE OIL DEVELOPMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL OIL ENTERPRISES AND WE MUST GIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION TO THE FUNCTION OF INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES IN SUPPLYING PETROLEUM ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE.

5. COOPERATION VIS-A-VIS PRODUCERS. IT IS NECESSARY TO PUT OURSELVES IN THE POSITION OF THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY HOPE FOR OR ASPIRE TO AND COOPERATE POSITIVELY IN THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TOGETHER TO TACKLE LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS IN PARTICULAR AS NATIONAL PROJECTS. AREAS OF COOPERATION (WITH THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES) SHOULD OF COURSE NOT BE CONFINED TO OIL DEVELOPMENT ALONE, BUT EXTEND TO OIL REFINING, PETROCHEMICAL AND OTHER COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL FIELDS.

6. GOVERNMENT POLICIES. I THINK IT DESIRABLE TO EXERT EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND TO PROMOTE DIRECT DEALING IN A UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITIVE MANNER. ((ALSO) THINK WE MUST GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO IMPORTING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. FROM THIS STANDPOINT SOME RECONSIDERATION OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY LAW IS CALLED FOR.

7. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. IT IS NECESSARY FOR JAPAN TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES TO MET TOGETHER FOR DISCUSSION AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (IN Q AND A PERIOD NAKASONE ADMITTED THAT TIME NOT NOW

APPROPRIATE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PRODUCERS AND  
CONSUMERS, BUT THAT, THERE WAS NO REASON WHY CONFERENCE COULD  
NOT BE HELD AT LATER DATE.

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